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1. THE ONLY INSTANCE IN ECUADOR OF A NEW TOWN ARISING AS THE RESULT OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE OR INDUSTRIAL PROJECT OCCURED OVER 20 YEARS AGO, AND THIS FOUNDING WAS MORE SPONTANEOUS THAN PLANNED. NO NEW TOWNS OR FACILITIES SUCH AS HOSPITALS OR SCHOOLS ARE PLANNED WITH RESPECT TO PROJECTS REPORTED REFAIR. INDEED, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW TOWNS AND SUCH FACILITIES IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AS THE RESULT OF INFRASTRUCTURE OR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IS REMOTE AT BEST. CONSTRUCTION CAMPS IN ECUADOR ARE BASIC CONSISTING OF THIN PLYWOOD STRUCTURES WITH ELECTRICITY, BUT WITHOUT PLUMBING.

2.AS REPORTED ENCLOSURE IB OF REFAIR, MASTER PLANNING WORK WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRIORITIZE FUTURE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS. A PUBLIC TENDER PERTAINING THERETO IS EXPECTED IN LATE MAY. THIS WORK WILL BE FINANCED IN PART BY THE WORLD BANK AND HAS AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF MORE THAN US\$4 MILLION. INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS MAY BENEFIT BY CONTACTING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF INECEL
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NOW AND EXPRESSING THEIR DESIRES. IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT FOREIGN FIRMS ARE REQUIRED TO ASSOCIATE WITH LOCAL FIRMS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH PROJECTS.

3. IF EMBASSY CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE ADVISE. EMBASSY APPRECIATES MEPD'S INTEREST IN

ECUADOR AND HELPFUL FEEDBACK PROVIDED.
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